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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASYLUM FROM ETHIOPIAN RETTA BEKELE

REF:A)KHARTOUM 1725, (B) STATE A-6610, AUG. 20, 1974

1. SUDAN IS SIGNATOR TO 1974 CONVENTION RE STATUS OF REFUGEES, AND WITH RETTA APPARENTLY IN NO IMMEDIATE DANGER OF BEING FORCIBLY RETURNED TO ETHIOPIA BY SUDANESE AUTHORITIES, RESOLUTION HIS STATUS APPEARS TURN ON DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE IS REFUGEE AND THUS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE FROM UNHCR IN RESETTLEMENT. HE SHOULD THEREFORE BE REFERRED TO UNHCR WHICH IS ALREADY HELPING HIM. WE NOTE THAT RETTA FEARS RETURN TO ETHIOPIA BECAUSE HE DESERTED. HOWEVER, IMPRISONMENT FOR DESERTION IN ITSELF DOES NOT CONSTITUTE POLITICAL PERSECUTION.

2. SHOULD HE BE ABLE REACH POST IN WESTERN EUROPE AT WHICH WE HAVE INS OFFICER, HE CAN APPLY FOR 7TH PREFERENCE.

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HOWEVER, HIS ELIGIBILITY FOR SEVENTH PREFERENCE STATUS

UNDER SECTION 203(A)(7) OF INA WOULD TURN ON SIMILAR  
DETERMINATION BY INS. INGERSOLL

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